

**In the Claims:**

The current status of all claims is listed below and supercedes all previous lists of claims.

Please cancel claims 2 and 6, amend claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 8, and add new claim 9-16 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for diagnosis of pre-eclampsia which comprises measuring urate in a biological sample from maternal saliva.
2. (cancelled).
3. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~the above claims~~ claim 1, wherein the urate is measured by means of a timed end point method.
4. (currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the urate is measured by means of a dry test method.
5. (currently amended) A method as claimed in ~~any of the above claims~~ claim 1, wherein the urate is measured by means of a dip stick method.
6. (cancelled).
7. (currently amended) A diagnostic kit ~~for performing the method of any one of the above claims, wherein the kit comprises~~ comprising reagents for the determination of the level of urate in a biological sample.
8. (currently amended) A test equipment ~~for performing the method in claims 1 and 2 of, wherein the test equipment comprises~~ comprising reagents for the determination of the level of urate in a biological sample.

9. (new) The kit of claim 7 wherein the reagents are one or more enzymes and one or more compounds that react to form a chromagen.
10. (new) The kit of claim 9 wherein the enzyme is uricase.
11. (new) The kit of claim 9 wherein the compound that reacts to form a chromagen is 3,5 dichloro-2-hydroxybenzenesulfonic acid, 2-hydroxy-3,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonate, 4-aminoantipyrene, or 4-aminophenazone.
12. (new) The test equipment of claim 8 wherein the test equipment is a pharmaceutical dip stick or a dry multi-layer chemistry film.
13. (new) The test equipment of claim 8 wherein the test equipment is coated with the reagents for the determination of the level of urate in a biological sample.
14. (new) The test equipment of claim 13 wherein the reagents are one or more enzymes and one or more compounds that react to form a chromagen.
15. (new) The test equipment of claim 14 wherein the enzyme is uricase.
16. (new) The test equipment of claim 14 wherein the compound that reacts to form a chromagen is 3,5 dichloro-2-hydroxybenzenesulfonic acid, 2-hydroxy-3,5-dichlorobenzenesulfonate, 4-aminoantipyrene, or 4-aminophenazone.